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May 8, 2014

The Honorable Luis Quintana
Office of the Mayor
City of Newark
920 Broad Street, Room 304
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Mayor Quintana:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued a proposed plan for cleaning up the lower 8.3 miles of the Lower Passaic River. The proposed plan includes to dredge approximately 4.3 million cubic yards of sediment and to cap the dredged area with sand and a layer of armoring stone bank-to-bank. This plan will also allow for a navigable channel in the 2.2 miles of the River closest to Newark Bay.

The Passaic River Institute at Montclair State University respectfully requests your participation in a special workshop to gain understanding about the proposed plan. Discussion will include the proposed dredging and capping plan, alternatives and associated risks on disposal of contaminated sediments, long term monitoring and maintenance of the sediment cap, clean-up plan for the rest of the Lower Passaic River, the clean-up plan's potential environmental and public health implications, its social and economic impacts.

The workshop will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30AM to accommodate our very special guest Congressman Pascarella to Montclair State University President's Dining Room at University Hall 7th Floor.

Please contact my office for confirmation or any questions. We look forward to seeing you on June 2, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shivaun Gaines".

Shivaun Gaines
Director

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